

YOUTH AIDS 2010



THE OFFICIAL YOUTH AIDS 2010 NEWSLETTER OF THE XVIII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

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The fifth edition of the Youth AIDS 2010 newsletter is ready! Here you will find the latest news about the AIDS 2010 Youth Programme and many possibilities for being actively involved in the XVIII International AIDS Conference.

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1. Youth Pre-Conference: Call for Activities and Presenters

The Vienna YouthForce and the Youth Programme of AIDS 2010 are organising a Youth Pre-Conference from 14 to 16 July 2010. The Pre-Conference is open to young people attending AIDS 2010 and will consist of informative sessions and skills-building workshops on HIV and AIDS issues ranging from scientific knowledge to effective political advocacy.

The 2010 Youth Pre-Conference is a three-day event that aims to provide 300 young delegates with the opportunity to network and connect with their peers prior to AIDS 2010, as well as provide youth attending the main conference with technical information and skills for effective participation. An additional day, 17 July, is reserved for extra activities and a Pre-Conference exchange programme.

Programme applications and participants' applications will be reviewed by a team of 14 young people aged 16 to 26 who are on the Pre-Conference Sub-Committee and come from a variety of HIV- and AIDS-related youth organisations around the globe.



PRE-CONFERENCE THEMES:

- 14 July – Day 1: *Understanding HIV/AIDS Science, Prevention, Treatment, & Care*
- 15 July – Day 2: *Policy-, Socioeconomic- and Rights-related Components of HIV and AIDS*
- 16 July – Day 3: *Advocacy & Building Capacity of Youth at AIDS 2010 and Beyond*
- 17 July – Day 4: *Exchange Programme with other Pre-Conferences and Forums & Preparation Activities for AIDS 2010*

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Submission of session proposals (e.g., presenter's application): **30 April**
Participant applications: **20 May**

Please submit all proposals and applications via e-mail to vyfpreconf@gmail.com.

Download the presenter and participant application form for the Youth Pre-Conference [here](#)

COSTS AND ACCOMMODATION

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is our main sponsor and partner for the Youth Pre-Conference. Other supporters include UNAIDS, UNESCO and aids2031. There is a small registration fee to attend the Pre-Conference. If you come from a high-income country* the registration fee is between EUR 20 to 40. If you are from a middle/low-income country the registration fee ranges from EUR 0 to 20, depending on how much you can contribute. The fee will entitle you to four nights accommodation, three meals per day during the Pre-Conference and materials for the event.

The Vienna YouthForce does not give scholarships for transportation or travel. Participants must either be registered and/or have a scholarship from AIDS 2010 or from a sponsoring organisation to attend the conference. If you live in Austria, you can attend the Pre-Conference without attending AIDS 2010. If you have already received a scholarship notification and wish to attend or participate in the Pre-Conference, let the scholarship department know about your plans, so they can arrange your travel accordingly.

*The list of **high-, middle- and low-income countries** is according to the World Bank classification. See the AIDS 2010 conference website for a list of high-income countries. For further questions, please contact vyfpreconf@gmail.com.

2. Programme Activity Planning

The Programme Activity Planning meeting took place on 23 and 24 March, in Krems, Austria. Meeting participants included members of the Global Village Working Group and invited members of the Youth Programme Working Group. The purpose of the meeting was to select and schedule activities for the Global Village and Youth Programmes.



This year's programme promises to be as exciting and diverse as ever with more than 290 activities scheduled to take place in the Global Village area. The Global Village will feature NGO booths, networking zones, sessions, workshops and cultural activities, many of which will focus on HIV and youth issues. The Youth Pavilion will be the hub of youth activity at the conference and will hold sessions and art exhibits during the week.

Keep an eye on the conference website for more details on the Global Village and Youth programmes at www.AIDS2010.org.

3. Take TWO Campaign for AIDS2010

The **TAKE TWO campaign** is the Vienna YouthForce's effort to raise additional funds for young delegates attending AIDS 2010.

This campaign aims to find sponsors to support young people attending the conference and make a contribution. In the past years, more than 100 people received funding to attend the International AIDS Conference through this campaign. We count on your networks and collaboration to make the campaign successful this year!

Take part in TAKE TWO!

1. Step 1: Please write to youth@aids2010.org to receive a TAKE TWO letter.
2. Step 2: Send the letter to youth organisations and possible donors you know and encourage young people to approach potential donors with this campaign and lobby to support them attending the conference.

4. Cultural Programme in Vienna

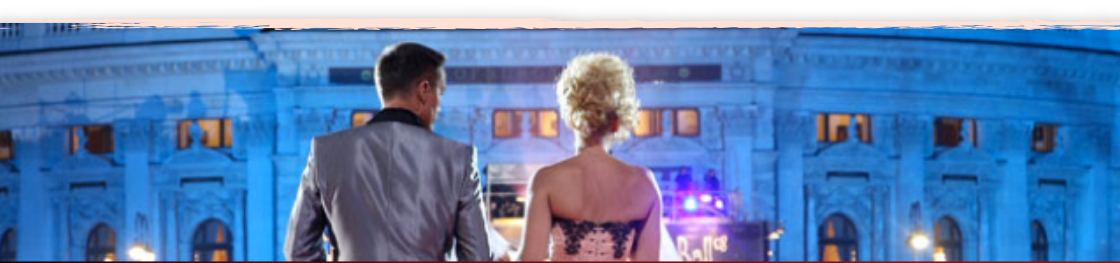
Everyone must take a stand, not only the politicians, but also the residents of Vienna.

A number of Viennese artists and cultural institutions are doing just this. They are setting an example by planning a number of events focused on HIV to create an extensive cultural programme. Participating institutions and artists are solely responsible for the content, financing and organisation of the events. There are approximately 40 contributions including visual art, film, dance, music, design and architecture with a special focus on children and youth.

The cultural programme will begin in the city in early May, and will set the stage for the conference and its theme *Rights Here, Right Now*. The highlight will be a unique music act and performance on Saturday, 24 July, the day after the conference closes.

The Vienna Tourist Board is committed to the AIDS 2010 cultural programme. The board has produced and designed poster stating, "In July 2010, we are working in Vienna for hope, progress, enlightenment and tolerance. So nice that you are here!". The board has asked all of its partners – from businesses in Vienna's shopping areas to hotels and restaurants – to display the poster to help spread the message of the many artists and entertainers involved in the programme.





5. Life Ball tickets: Support scholarships to AIDS2010

How can you do all this at once? By being a part of Life Ball, one of the largest annual AIDS charity events worldwide taking place in Vienna on Saturday, 17 July. Organised at Vienna's City Hall by AIDS LIFE, an independent non-profit organisation, Life Ball is expected to attract over 40,000 participants for the opening show at City Hall Square under the theme, Earth - Sow the Seeds of Solidarity. The party then continues inside the historic building for only 3,780 guests. Last year, Life Ball raised over 1.9 million USD for national and international AIDS organisations.

The demand for tickets to attend this spectacular event is always very high. As a show of solidarity with AIDS 2010, Life Ball organisers have set aside a limited number of tickets specifically for conference delegates. Funds from the sale of these tickets (150 EUR each) will support scholarships for delegates from the neighbouring region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Tickets for two events will be available: the Life Ball, held in Vienna's City Hall, and the Red Ribbon Cotillion, a new black-tie event taking place in Vienna's famous Burgtheater (the former imperial court theatre). The chance to purchase these tickets is only available to registered and fully paid AIDS 2010 delegates. All paid delegates who express interest will be entered into a lottery with a random drawing in mid-May. Please forward enquiries about ticket sales to the Life Ball to lifeballtickets@aids2010.org and enquiries about tickets to the Red Ribbon Cotillion at Burgtheater to burgtheatertickets@aids2010.org by **May 20** at the latest.

Since 1993, Life Ball has combined the glamour of the Viennese ball tradition with the serious business of raising funds for AIDS -- this year, AIDS 2010 will benefit, too!

See you in Vienna!

This newsletter is brought to you by:

AIDS 2010 Youth Programme Working Group:

The Youth Programme Working Group (YPWG) is the official organising body that prepares the Youth Programme at the conference. The Working Group organises sessions, workshops related to youth, the Youth Pavilion in the Global Village, and a lounge for young people living with HIV. The Working Group consists of 11 people from different regions of the world who work together to prepare the official Youth Programme for AIDS 2010.

Vienna YouthForce: The Vienna YouthForce was launched after AIDS 2008 and is a global platform for international, regional and local youth organisations that focus on HIV and AIDS, as well as on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights. We work together and organise youth activities and advocacy campaigns prior to and during the conference. These activities include the youth pre-conference, youth advocacy campaigns and the youth commitment desk. Ten youth organisations are participating in Vienna Youth Force: Advocates for Youth, Community Forum Austria, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA), International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), the World AIDS Campaign, Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, YouAct, Y-PEER, CHOICE for youth and sexuality and Youth R.I.S.E.

The Youth Programme Working Group and the Vienna YouthForce are working together closely as a common body for young people at the International AIDS Conference. If you have questions, you may contact us at youth@aids2010.org.

Never, never, never give up. ~Winston Churchill (1874 -1965)